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ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|-------|--------------|
| 1 | 1st person |
| 2 | 2nd person |
| 3 | 3rd person |
| ACC | Accusative |
| CONJ | Conjunction |
| COP | Copula |
| DEF | Definite |
| DIM | Diminutive |
| F | Feminine |
| FUT | Future |
| GEN | Genitive |
| IMP | Imperative |
| IMPER | Imperfect |
| INF | Infinitive |
| IPFV | Imperfective |
| M | Masculine |
| N | Neuter |
| NEG | Negation |
| NOM | Nominative |
| PART | Particle |
| PASS | Passive |
| PFV | Perfective |
| PL | Plural |
| PRS | Present |
| PST | Past |

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| | |
|------|-------------|
| SBJV | Subjunctive |
| SG | Singular |
| VOC | Vocative |

PHONETIC SYMBOLS

In this book, I use broad transcriptions based on the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA).

| | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| c | Voiceless palatal stop |
| k | Voiceless velar stop |
| x | Voiceless velar fricative |
| ç | Voiceless palatal fricative |
| j | Voiced palatal fricative |
| ɣ | Voiced velar fricative |
| g | Voiced velar stop |
| ɟ | Voiced palatal stop |
| f | Voiceless labiodental fricative |
| v | Voiced labiodental fricative |
| b | Voiced bilabial stop |
| p | Voiceless bilabial stop |
| t | Voiceless dental stop |
| θ | Voiceless dental fricative |
| ð | Voiced dental fricative |
| d | Voiced dental stop |
| l | Alveolar lateral approximant |
| ʎ | Palatal lateral approximant |
| m | Bilabial nasal |
| n | Alveolar nasal |
| ɲ | Palatal nasal |
| ŋ | Velar nasal |
| r | Alveolar trill |

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| | |
|----|------------------------------|
| s | Voiceless alveolar fricative |
| z | Voiced alveolar fricative |
| ts | Voiceless alveolar affricate |
| dz | Voiced alveolar affricate |
| a | Low central unrounded vowel |
| e | Mid front unrounded vowel |
| i | High front unrounded vowel |
| o | Mid back rounded vowel |
| u | High back rounded vowel |

TRANSCRIPTION CONVENTIONS

I have transcribed the data according to the conventions used in Conversation Analysis. More specifically, I follow the transcription conventions used in the *Corpus of Spoken Greek* of the Institute of Modern Greek Studies (the Greek version is available under <http://corpus-ins.lit.auth.gr/corpus/about/symbols.html>). Embodied actions are transcribed according to the conventions developed by Lorenza Mondada (available under https://mainly.sciencesconf.org/conference/mainly/pages/Mondada2013_conv_multimodality_copie.pdf).

I. TEMPORAL AND SEQUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS

| | |
|---|---|
| [| Left brackets: point of overlap onset between two or more utterances (or segments of them) |
|] | Right brackets: point of overlap end between two or more utterances (or segments of them) |
| = | The symbol is used either in pairs or on its own. A pair of <i>equals signs</i> is used to indicate the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If the lines connected by the equals signs contain utterances (or segments of them) by different speakers, then the signs denote ‘latching’ (i.e., the absence of discernible silence between the utterances). |

2. If the lines connected by the equals signs are by the same speaker, then there was a single, continuous utterance with no break or pause, which was broken up in two lines only in order to accommodate the placement of overlapping talk.

The single *equals sign* is used to indicate latching between two parts of the same speaker's talk, where one might otherwise expect a micro-pause, as, for instance, after a turn constructional unit with a falling intonation contour.

(0.8) Numbers in parentheses indicate silence, represented in tenths of a second. Silences may be marked either within the utterance or between utterances.

(.) Micro-pause (less than 0.5 s)

II. SYMBOLS AND COMBINATIONS OF SYMBOLS FOR REPRESENTING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SPEECH DELIVERY

Punctuation

Marks

Indication of intonation, more specifically,
 . the *period* indicates falling/final intonation,
 ? the *question mark* indicates rising intonation,
 , the *comma* indicates continuing/non-final intonation,
 ; the *inverted question mark* indicates a rise stronger than a comma but weaker than a question mark.
 : Colons are used to indicate the prolongation or stretching of the sound just preceding them. The more the colons, the longer the stretching.

word Word

Underlining is used to indicate some form of emphasis, either by increased loudness or by higher pitch. In particular, loud talk may be indicated by upper case.

° The degree sign is used to indicate the onset of talk that is markedly quiet or soft. When the end of such talk does not coincide with the end of a line, then the symbol is used again to mark its end.

- A hyphen after a word or part of a word indicates a cutoff or interruption.

_: Combinations of underlining and colons are used to indicate intonation contours. If the letter(s) preceding a colon is underlined, then there is prolongation of the sound preceding it and, at the same time, a falling intonation contour.

| | |
|----------|---|
| <u>:</u> | If the colon itself is underlined, then there is prolongation of the sound preceding it and, at the same time, a rising intonation contour. |
| ↑↓ | The arrows mark sharp intonation contours. The upper arrow indicates sharp intonation rises, whereas the down arrow indicates sharp intonation falls. |
| >word< | The combination of ‘more than’ and ‘less than’ symbols indicates that the talk between them is compressed or rushed. |
| <word> | The combination of ‘less than’ and ‘more than’ symbols indicates that the talk between them is markedly slowed or drawn out. |
| h | Hearable aspiration is shown with the Latin letter <i>h</i> . Its repetition indicates longer duration. The aspiration may represent inhaling, exhaling, laughter, etc. |
| .h | If the aspiration is an inhalation, then it is indicated with a period before the letter <i>h</i> . |
| ^ | Sandhi. |

III. OTHER MARKINGS

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| ((<i>s/he laughs</i>)) | Double parentheses and italics are used to mark metalinguistic, paralinguistic, and non-conversational descriptions of events by the transcriber. |
| (...) | The parentheses indicate that something is being said, but no hearing can be achieved. |
| (word) | Words in parentheses represent a likely possibility of what was said. |

IV. MULTIMODAL CONVENTIONS

| | |
|--------|---|
| * * | Gestures and descriptions of embodied actions are delimited between two identical symbols (one symbol per participant) and are synchronized with corresponding stretches of talk. |
| + + | |
| * ---> | The action described continues across subsequent lines until the same symbol is reached. |
| ---->* | |

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